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SOUTHERN COMMAND

Department of Public Safety

Nevada Highway Patrol

SAFESTAT REPORT

Nevada Highway Patrol

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Overview

In November 2004, the Southern Command number of filled traffic sergeant and trooper positions remained unchanged. Although the Highway Patrol has filled a small number of vacancies for the Southern Command, competing pay, staffing levels, and attrition continues to take its toll. With the increasing demands placed on personnel, budget requests have been submitted that reflect the necessary increases to support operations for Southern Nevada residents. During November there were no resignations or retirements.

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Southern Command personnel handled 1030 crashes as compared to 1008 crashes in November of 2003. This was an increase of 2.2%. Crashes resulting in fatalities, decreased by 22% when compared to November 2003 and last month. In actual numbers there were 7 fatal crashes in November 2004, as compared to 9 fatal crashes in November 2003. The second largest reduction of crashes was a 10% decline in injury crashes. The Southern Command preliminary documentation shows a 27% decline in the overall number of commercial vehicle crashes. Of the 49 commercial crashes investigated this month, there was one fatality; 12 resulted in injuries, and the remaining 36 were property damage. Crashes involving commercial vehicles represented 4.8% of the total crashes handled by the Southern Command.

The Administrative Services section of the Southern Command processed 1,126 crash reports and 426 arrest reports during November 2004. This resulted in 7,310 crash reports being mailed out. These numbers reflect a 25% increase as compared to last year. Visitors to the front office that required services increased by 4% when comparing November 2004 (806) to October 2004 (769). The Southern Command Communication Center also experienced an increased workload. November 2004, resulted in 21,168 CAD incidents and 36,907 telephone calls received, as compared to 20,618 CAD incidents and 35,473 calls received during October 2004.

The Southern Command had another decrease in overall enforcement in November 2004. All citation categories were down compared to last year, but arrests were up 3% compared to last November. The Commercial Operations Section showed a significant increase in hazardous moving violation citations compared to last November, up 165%. There was also an increase in the number of commercial vehicle inspections completed. The number of commercial drivers placed out-of-service also increased 33.8% due to their efforts.

Southern Command personnel continue to perform their duties faced with increasing work loads, pay disparity, and insufficient staffing levels. Troopers logged 21,168 contacts with the public in November. In addition to field enforcement and response to traffic crashes, these contacts included: motorist assists, debris removal, medical assists, allied agency assistance, and traffic hazard mitigation.

I commend the personnel of the Southern Command for their efforts.

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CRASH ANALYSIS AND OVERVIEW

	November 2004		November 2003	% Change		October 2004	% Change
Total crashes	1030		1008	2.2%		1072	-3.9%
Property crashes [including commercial vehicles]	743		687	8.2%		781	-4.9%
Injury crashes [including commercial vehicles]	280		312	-10.3%		282	-0.7%
Fatal crashes [including commercial vehicles]	7		9	-22.2%		9	-22.2%
DUI crashes [DUI charged]	41		54	-24.1%		53	-22.6%
Total persons killed in fatal crashes	7		11	-36.4%		10	-30.0%
Total drivers killed without seatbelts	4		4	0.0%		4	0.0%
Total passengers killed without seatbelts	1		4	-75.0%		2	-50.0%
Total drivers killed with seatbelts	0		2	-200.0%		4	-400.0%
Total passengers killed with seatbelts	0		0	0.0%		0	0.0%
Total persons killed - seatbelts not applicable	2		1	100.0%		0	200.0%
Total number of commercial vehicle crashes	49		67	-26.9%		55	-10.9%
Property crashes involving commercial vehicle	36		55	-34.5%		34	5.9%
Injury crashes involving commercial vehicle	12		12	0.0%		17	-29.4%
Fatal crashes involving commercial vehicle	1		0	100.0%		0	100.0%

CRASH ANALYSIS

- ✱ Percentage of fatal crashes to total crashes 0.7%
- ✱ Percentage of DUI crashes to total crashes 4.0%
- ✱ Percentage of persons killed *without* seatbelts to total persons killed 100%
- ✱ Percentage of Commercial Vehicle crashes to total crashes 4.8%
- ✱ Total crashes up 2.2% compared to last year.
- ✱ Commercial vehicle crashes down 26.9% from last year.
- ✱ Injury crashes dropped 10.3% from last year.

FIELD ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITY

[Analysis and review of current reporting period, versus same period in previous fiscal year, versus previous reporting period]

	November 2004		November 2003	% Change		October 2004	% Change
TRAFFIC OPERATIONS							
DUI arrests from crashes ##	41		54	-24.1%		53	-22.6%
DUI arrests <i>prior</i> to crashes ##	131		134	-2.2%		147	-10.9%
Other arrests	758		734	3.3%		767	-1.2%
Total persons arrested (DUI included) ##	333		357	-6.7%		353	-5.7%
Speed violations	2202		3200	-31.2%		1923	14.5%
Hazardous moving violations	1709		2068	-17.4%		1605	6.5%
Occupant restraint violations * ##	286		690	-58.6%		297	-3.7%
Total violations [above violations included]	7907		10120	-21.9%		6991	13.1%
COMMERCIAL OPERATIONS							
Hazardous moving violations - citations/arrests	69		26	165.4%		63	9.5%
Other traffic violations - citations/arrests	122		181	-32.6%		120	1.7%
Total safety inspections [level 1, 2, 3, 4, & 6]	681		547	24.5%		621	9.7%
Terminal inspections [level 5] CR only	0		n/a	#VALUE!		n/a	#VALUE!
Total safety violations -- citation	126		337	-62.6%		130	-3.1%
Total safety violations -- repair order	1027		2031	-49.4%		958	7.2%
Total vehicles placed "Out of Service"	71		142	-50.0%		54	31.5%
Total drivers placed "Out of Service"	103		77	33.8%		61	68.9%
Total school buses inspected	50		139	-64.0%		128	-60.9%
Total school buses placed "Out of Service"	3		20	-85.0%		20	-85.0%
Total trucks weighed	13		138	-90.6%		87	-85.1%
Total overweight citations	4		26	-84.6%		4	0.0%
Total dyed fuel inspections	403		562	-28.3%		612	-34.2%
Total dyed fuel citations	2		0	200.0%		0	200.0%

*Seatbelt and Child Restraint ## Commercial Operations Activity Included

OPERATIONS ANALYSIS

- ✱ Average BAC 0.14%
- ✱ Average age of DUI arrests: 34 years
- ✱ 15% of DUI drivers arrested tested positive for controlled substance.
- ✱ 6% of drivers arrested had prior DUI convictions.
- ✱ Traffic Enforcement is down 34% from last year and 3% from last month.
- ✱ Commercial Operations, hazardous moving enforcement up 165% from last year.
- ✱ Commercial vehicle inspections are up 24.5% from last year.

ADMINISTRATIVE OPERATIONS

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES	November 2004		November 2003	% Change		October 2004	% Change
COMMUNICATION CENTER							
Radio Transmissions	**						
CAD Incidents	21168		20246	4.55%		20618	2.67%
Telephone Calls	36907		30568	20.74%		35473	4.04%
Call Box Incidents [Las Vegas only]	114		NA	NA		132	- 13.64 %
FRONT OFFICE							
Accident Reports Processed	1126		1072	4%		1173	-4%
Arrest Reports Processed	426		631	-32%		368	16%
Incident / Officer Reports Processed	9		15	-66%		23	-105%
Vehicle Impound Releases	240		214	10%		173	27%
Visitors at Counter	806		695	13%		769	4%
Crash Reports Mailed Out	7310		5481	25%		6468	11%
COURT / WARRANT							
Warrants Received	401		228	43%		335	16%
Warrants Entered	193		32	83%		199	-3%
Warrants Cleared	188		214	-14%		257	37%
Warrants Validated	1411		3742	-62%		1404	1%
Extradition / Transports	13		14	-7%		11	15%
EVIDENCE							
New Cases Submitted	91		228	43%		335	16%
New Items Submitted	166		32	83%		199	-3%
Items Disposed	18		214	-14%		257	37%

Contract Services

- 9 Contracts requiring 231.8 work hours, billing \$13,450.40

Evidence

- Nevada Highway Patrol responsible for 96.7% of case submissions.
- Parole and Probation responsible for 1.10% of case submissions.
- Division of Investigation responsible for 2.20% of case submissions.

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COMMENDATIONS

- ✿ 1 from the public to sworn
- ✿ 14 Certificates of Appreciation to sworn and civilian.
- ✿ 32 from command to sworn
- ✿ 1 from public organization
- ✿ 2 from Allied Agencies

Public Information

Nellis Air Force Base Incoming Airman's Briefing: Personnel reporting to Nellis Air Force Base were presented a class on Nevada traffic laws, seat belt safety and the dangers of driving while intoxicated. November 9th, 15th, 2004

HEAT program: The HEAT program has had another successful month with educating the community. Trooper Hixson, Sgt. Mac and the Command staff have all checked out the HEAT Camaro to use as a tool to educate at various programs throughout the valley. Over 300 Clark County citizens educated. The Camaro was used at the Nellis Air Show as well for recruiting.

Traffic Safety Engineering: safe driving : Traffic Safety Engineering members briefed about seatbelt safety and the "No Zone".

Red Ribbon Campaign: Stop DUI : Kyle Canyon Red Ribbon Kick off / Luncheon. Troopers stationed on Mount Charleston were honored for their efforts with DUI and Fatal prevention. Only one DUI driver died on Kyle Canyon this year.

Cox Pavilion: Teen Career Fair: 40 teens attended the NHP career portion. The assembly included over 100 vendors/employers and 1000 teens. Teens were given an hour of questions and answers about law enforcement.

Special Olympics: Soccer Playoff's : Several athletes competed for the Gold. NHP is a proud supporter of the Special Olympics and have several events planned this year. Trooper Time is all volunteer time.

AIRCRAFT OPERATIONS

- ✿ 5 Enforcement missions, 252 violations, 9.69 violations per hour
- ✿ 3 Prisoner Transports.
- ✿ Costs
 - a. Operation \$10,012
 - b. Enforcement Estimate \$81,813.00 (fines)
 - c. Prisoner transport Estimates \$2,435.00 (bails)

Quality means doing it right when no one is looking.

[Henry Ford.](#)